

Appl. No. 10/030,750
Amdt. dated September 23, 2003
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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are currently pending in this application. Claims 4 and 5 were noted to contain allowable subject matter. It was indicated that claims 4 and 5 would be allowed if rewritten into independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

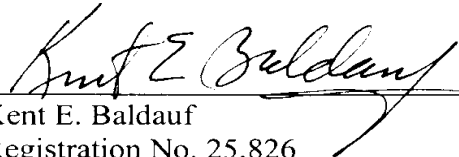
The subject matter of claim 4 has been incorporated into amended base claim 1, along with the subject matter of intervening claim 2. The subject matter of claim 5, along with intervening claims 2 and 4 and base claim 1, is now presented as new claim 27 herein. Claim 3 depends from amended claim 1, and new claim 28 which contains the same subject matter as claim 3, depends from new claim 27. Accordingly, claims 1, 3, 27 and 28 are in allowable condition. Claims 2 and 4-26 have been canceled herein.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, formal allowance of pending claims 1 and 3 and new claims 27-28 is respectfully requested.

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